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FAMILY RECORD OF JOSEPH GERIG I

About 1800 - 1959

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EXPLANATIONS

The Roman numerals indicate your generation. The number just before your name is your number, beginning with the first child of Joseph II. There are about 150 descendants listed under his genealogy. The total number of descendants of Joseph I is uncertain but with those listed under his record, it would amount to more and there are some no doubt of whom we have no knowledge.

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REUNIONS

We have a record of a reunion held at the home of Peter Gerig September 23, 1933 and one perhaps 25 years ago at Miller Park.

Because of the distance between Woodburn and Flanagan, it was decided to have the reunion at Monticello, Indiana about half-way between the two places; from 1936 to 1941 and then again regularly since 1946. Because of conditions existing during World War II none were held from 1942 to 1945.

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"One generation passeth away and another generation cometh" (Eccl. 1:4a).

"God is in the generation of the righteous" (Psalm 14:5b).

"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4).

"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask thy father, andhe will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee" (Deut 32:7).

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PREFACE

The object of this family record is to find out about past generations of the Gerig family, also for those of the present generation to become better acquainted with one another, and for those of future generations. This record is dedicated to you all hoping that it will be placed with your other valuable possessions. Quite a number of years ago mention was made of a record and I was chosen as historian. In the last two or three years more interest was manifested and work was begun to get it completed as soon as possible.

I, being the oldest grandchild of Joseph II do recall many of the things that transpired even while grandfather and grandmother were still living. I have pleasant memories when as a boy we all as a family for several years would go to visit with our grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins, staying several days or perhaps a week in the winter time. It was 10 miles to my grandparents' home. However, when we had a car the visits could be made oftener and only perhaps staying a few hours at a time.

My mother would frequently tell of some of the early times when she was a girl. Had I as a boy taken notes no doubt we would have a more complete record today. But we are fortunate in having received additional information to our own from those who have gone on before us in the last five yesrs, and some of those who are yet living. Special mention is due to Peter Gerig of Flanagan, who having a good memory supplied me with a considerable part of the early data. Then also Emma Gerig of Gridley, had recorded things which were of great benefit. It is with a deep sense of gratitude to all the others who were so kind and supplied me with information when I asked them either by writing or personal contact.

Great care has been taken in the spelling of names, correct dates, addresses and occupations. That errors have occurred in the posterity ofover 150 names of our ancestor Joseph I, is quite possible. Where such is the case I do ask that you will pardon me. I am sorry that not quite all the information desired from a few of the families could be supplied, but perhaps in later years can be recorded.

Grandfather and grandmother worshipped in the Salem church which was near their home. I believe the greatest number of their descendants are attending an Evangelical Mennonite church or are members of it in the area where they reside. In this record you will find listed some who are ministers of the Evangelical Mennonite conference, some that are or were deacons in their local church besides other duties pertaining to theChristian life. The different occupations noted are farmers, teachers, business men, and others.

I hope the work will prove inspirational and beneficial to all. We are living in a changing world. The changes are many that have taken place since our record began which wasprobably about in the year 1800 as near as we can ascertain. However, let us all strive to live faithful Christian lives so that at the end of our earthly pilgrimage we may all enter into the Home of the Blessed to be with our God forever.

Respectfully submitted,

Elias Edward Zimmerman
R.R. #5, Peoria, Illinois

July 1959

Brief Record of the Family of Joseph Gerig I

The Gerigs originated in Switzerland many generations ago. They had been Waldenses and came to Salin in the Vosges Mountains where a Täufer (Baptizers) settlement of Mennonites existed and undoubtedly do yet to this day. Such families as Bellers, Eymans, and Dellenbachs came from there.

There are many different families by the name of Gerig in this land of ours and if a record were available it is quite possible that many would be at least of some distant kin to us. Family records in the generations of the past were not kept or recorded as they are with some families in the last generation or two. Much of the data that we do have in some families is what the parents gave to their children verbally without much thought of recording it permanently in writing. That accounts why some records are incomplete. Then there are some people who seem to know not much if anything beyond their grandparents.

The history of our particular family begins with Joseph Gerig I. We do not know too much about him but are very glad for what we were able to gather. He married a woman by the name of Eyman, and then he moved to Musau, Strassburg, Germany. We have no record of the date and place of his birth or occupation. This one thing we do know that he was what was known in the past andyet by some people as an "Old Amish preacher". We do not know the first name of his wife or have any further record. It was the custom in those days to name the first born son after the name of his father.

We have the record that he had five sons and three daughters, of which only Joseph II, our grandfather, andhis sister Mary came to America. In the record that we have we are not quite certain as to the order of the birth of his children after Joseph II. Therefore, they are listed with the information that was available in the following manner.

II. Christian was married and had three girls; namely, Kate, Lena, and Mary. He was married twice.

II. Lena was probably the oldest girl. She was first married to a Dellenbach and after his death married a preacher by the name of Chris Egly. He was married three times. She did not come to America.

II. Katie. No other information.

II. Mary was the only girl who came to America, somewhat later than grandfather. She first lived in Illinois in the Fairbury vicinity according to information. It was stated that she had walked to Peoria to attend the Apostolic church services. She married a man by the name Burke (first name not known). By that marriage there was one child, Katie. Later they moved to Coffee County, Kansas. Her husband died in Kansas. Peter Gerig while in Kansas in 1903, had the opportunity to talk to the daughter where he received some of the information of that family.

II. Jacob Gerig never was married. By occupation he was a railroad man and was killed while working on it.

II. John Gerig was born in Germany and also his wife. Date of birth is not know, but it is quite certain that he died in March 1908. It is thought that his wife was a Goldsmith (first name unknown). He had two sons, Henry and Joseph. Henry came to America when about 17 years of age settling near Chenoa, Illinois where he was a farmer for a few years. He was born in Germany in Sepptember 7, 1875. His second marriage was to Gladys Smith born January 2, 1889 in Kansas. They resided in the vicinity of Wainwright, Oklahoma. He died in Oklahoma, November 18, 1947. The descendants are listed below. Since Henry was of the third generation his children are listed as generation IV. and the grandchildren as V.

IV. John A. Gerig was born June 11, 1909 in Oklahoma; married Gladys M. Wiedersphan who was born in Bartlett, Texas. Farmers, Bartlett, Tex.

V. Michael Gerig was born January 18, 1947.
V. Mona Gerig was born November 18, 1949.
V. Gregory Gerig was born July 13, 1953.
All three children were born at Temple, Texas

IV. Herman Gerig was born February 7, 1911 in Oklahoma; married Pearl Parker, born in Oklahoma. Farmers, Boynton, Oklahoma.

V. Ralph Gerig was born February 10, 1950.
V. Ronald Gerig was born January 2, 1953.
V. Jerry Gerig was born September 27, 1950.
All three children were born at Muskogee, Okla.

IV. Lena Gerig was born April 13, 1913 in Oklahoma; married Leslie Loggett, born in Arkansas. Grocer, Los Angeles, California.

V. Joan Loggett was born June 29, 1948 in Los Angeles, Calif.

IV. Ruth Gerig was born July 3, 1917 in Oklahoma; married J. D. Atkinson. Minister, Watsonville, California.

V. Edith Atkinson was born March 17, 1937 in Oklahoma.

IV. Henry Gerig, Jr. was born June 15, 1919 in Oklahoma; married Lynne Overstreet, born in Oklahoma. Carpenter, Los Angeles, Calif.

IV. Paul Gerig was born September 29, 1921 in Oklahoma; married Rebecca Hammond, born in Oklahoma. Carpenter, Watsonville, Calif.

V. Barbara Gerig was born July 18, 1948.
V. Floyd Gerig was born December 18, 1951.
Both children were born in Muskogee, Okla.

IV. Joseph George Gerig was born August 29, 1927 in Oklahoma; married Lorene Sexton, born in Oklahoma. Carpenter, Los Angeles, Calif.

V. Alicea Gerig was born February 2, 1947.
V. Darice Gerig was born October 28, 1951.
Both children were born in Oklahoma.

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III. Joseph Gerig, second son and child of John Gerig, son of Joseph I also was born in Germany on March 4, 1882. As a young man he came to this country. When he left his native land he was ready for High School. Upon the advice of my father and perhaps others he decided to

go to High School. In 1903 he graduated from the Flanagan High School which then only had a two year course. In 1900 he worked for my father on the farm for $19.00 per month.

With his desire for reading and study he prepared himself for a teacher. For awhile he taught at the State Reformatory at Pontiac. Then he taught at various other places. Later he went to the state of Montana and took a homestead not too far from Lewistown, where he farmed and also taught school. Awhile later he quit teaching and just farmed. Once he spent four years in the U.S. Navy and in that way saw much of the world. He died unexpectedly it is thought from tick fever about the middle of May in 1942. He never married. For many years he and I corresponded with each other. He visited at our home several times before going to Montana.

II. Peter Gerig, the youngest son, was also born in Germany and married. He had two children, Albert and Kate. Albert was from his first marriage, and according to a report was killed in an automobile accident quite a number of years ago. I had corresponded with him for a while writing in German.

Ben Brucker was from the second marriage. He came to America and for awhile, perhaps 45 years ago, worked in a harness shop in Minonk, Illinois. He visited at our home while in the area. We do not know where he might be now or if he is still living. An only sister of Ben Brucker is deceased.

Since we did not have a more complete record, it was thought best to arrange it this manner except the genealogy of Joseph II.

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Historical Record of Joseph Gerig II (Our Grandfather)

Joseph Gerig, oldest child in the family of Joseph I, was born Nov. 1, 1826, near Strassburg, Germany. He decided to depart from his native land at the age of 22 years leaving Hamburg, Germany and crossing the Atlantic Ocean on a sailing vessel. After 42 days of such travel he landed at New York City. Some days they went backward farther than they had gone forward the day before. Once they were almost out of food and were limited to one meal a day.

From New York he travelled to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where he worked in a livery stable, remaining there for three years. (That was the day when horses were used for travel - very different from our present time. From there he migrated westward arriving in Illinois at a place then called Slabtown, near the present Mackinaw Dells about 25 miles southeast of Peoria. Here he worked as a farm hand for about nine years.

Next he went to the vicinity of the present site of Gridley, then known as the Gridley Prairie, perhaps on account of the absence of trees in comparison to Slabtown. He decided to take up farming for himself, and for two years boarded with John Ehresman and his family. Mr. Ehresman wasthe father of the late Joe, Peter, Jake, andBarbara Ehresman, being remembered by some of us older grandchildren.

About this time he had decided to build a little home for himself

on the farm which he purchased after he came from Slabtown, and had already farmed for two years. It was an 80 acre tract which he purchased from John Rediger, brother to the Rev. Joseph Rediger who was the bishop at the Salem church for many years until his decease in about 1904. For this land he paid $7.00 per acre. What a contrast compared to present day prices some at $700.00 per acre and even more. He borrowed money from the Danforth Bank in Washington, Illinois at the rate of ten per cent interest. It was recalled by some of his children that he was about at the point of giving up the farm. The banker asked how much he had paid. Grandfather said he had paid $100.00. The banker gave his approval and said he should continue farming and pay off the loan. He did so. This farm was about 3/4 of a mile east of the Salem church in Waldo Township. It was farmed for many years by Edwin Gerig.

On this little place he lived as a bachelor for two years after he left the Ehresmans. The part of the original building recently was still standing - the one room shack. Later he added to it. Now having found the young lady of his choice he married Fanny Roth on Feb. 25, 1864, who was born Apr. 14, 1846 in Butler County, Ohio. No doubt we will remember this was the time when the Civil War was being waged. Here they lived for more than twenty years and all the children were born there except Lydia, the youngest. Grandfather was a successful farmer, very economical and a good manager as is well known. All the children being born and raised on the farm knew what it meant to put in a good day of hard work. All that before mentioned in addition to the blessings of God upon his labors contributed to his future investments.

He died in Flanagan May 18, 1911 at the age of 84 years, 6 months and 17 days. Grandmother died Dec. 23, 1919 near Woodburn, Indiana, at the age of73 years,7 months, and 9 days. Both are buried in Waldo cemetery.

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A Brief Sketch of the Family of our Grandmother

Fanny Roth was born Apr. 14, 1846, in Butler County, Ohio. Her mother's maiden name was Anna Schmitt, or Smith, who was born June 27, 1814 in Alsace Lorraine, France. She died at the home of her grandson Chris Oyer, near Roanoke, Illinois, Jan 10, 1892. She was married to a Roth, but no one seems to be able to give his first name. Of that marriage besides grandmother, a son Jacob was born who died at the age of seven years.

After the death of great grandmother Smith's husband Mr. Roth, she married Joseph Oyer whose father's name we are not certain of either but it is believed to be Jacob. We do not know the name of Jacob's wife. There were 14 children in the family. Many of the descendants as Oyers, Ulrichs, Zehrs, Redigers and others lived in the vicinity of Gridley. Some later moved to various other states. Rev. Joseph Rediger mentioned before had one of the Oyer girls for his wife.

Anna Smith had one sister by the name of Mary who was the mother of John Neuhauser who was a farmer near Flanagan for a number of years. He was well known to many of us.

Another sister (either Elizabeth or Barbara) married John Kinsinger.

From the second marriage of Anna Smith three sons were born.

Chris Oyer who married Katie Zehr lived for 21 years near Roanoke, then moved to Fisher, Illinois. His descendants are or have been located in various places in Illinois, as Morton is where Jacob lives, Congerville is where Peter lives, also others near Fisher, Iowa and Michigan. They were farmers. There were 12 children. He was buried on his 77th birthday in 1929.

John married Mary Smith. They farmed for a few years near Gridley. Later he moved to a place two miles east of Metamora. He did carpenter work then until 1901 when he started to farm again near Metamora. In about 1921 they moved to St. John, Michigan where he, his wife and some of the children resideduntil their death. In 1955 in the month of January, they observed their 75th Wedding Anniversary. His wife died at the age of 96, and he died when he was 99 years, 5 months, and 22 days. One son, Ed, is a deacon in the Metamora church. Dan first was a deacon then a bishop and served at least part of the time at St. John, Mich. Noah, another son, was dean of Goshen College at the time of his death a few years ago. Emma was a worker for quite a few years in the Mennonite Mission in Chicago. He had 11 children.

Peter, the youngest, never married. He farmed for awhile in the Flanagan area and later did carpenter work. In his later years he spent part of his time with different ones of his nieces and nephews as at our home, uncles Joseph Gerig and Peter Gerig. The writer remembers him as a kind uncle in assisting at our house when we were in the midst of the influenza epidemic in 1918. He died at the Home for the Aged at Eureka, Ill., Nov. 21, 1931, at the age of 77 years and 15 days.

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Below are listed the different tracts of land that grandfather owned during his lifetime. Peter Gerig, his third son, was able to supply me with the extra information.

I. The original 80 acres as before stated was purchased from John Rediger for &7.00 per acre. This was about 3/4 mile east of the Salem church. It was purchased in about 1860.

II. Shortly afterwards he purchased an adjoining 10 acres. On these 90 acres he reared a large family.

III. The north 80 acres where the Christian Beckers lived for many years in Pike Twp., probably about $18.00 per acre.

IV. Next he purchased the south 80 A. adjoining the north one. It is thought the price was $13.00 per A.

V. The 160 A. in Pike Twp. just south and across the road to the west from Pike cemetery, on which once Jacob, Peter, and Mary lived before they were married. Later it was occupied by Peter and still later by John. Purchased for $26.00 per A.

VI. The 160 A. in Pike Twp. 1/2 mile north and 3 1/2 miles east of the Salem church which was bought for $50.00 per A. This was bought from Isaac Zimmerman, father of the late Rev. D.M. Zimmerman of Sterling, Kansas. On this farm they lived from 1886 until in the fall of 1910 when they moved to Flanagan on account of grandfather's illness so he could be nearer a doctor. They lived on S. Jackson Street near the Lutheran church. It is quite certain that he bought this farm in 1884. However, Chris Ehresman farmed it in 1885. Now having sold

the original farm to Joe Claudon, father of the late D. N. Claudon, the family moved in 1886 to their new home.

VII. 240 acres approximately two miles east of their new home, paying $54.00 per acre. His son, Jacob, daughter, Mary, and nephew, Henry Gerig, resided there for awhile.

VIII. Then he traded farm No. VII, and bought enough to make a half section which was formerly known as the Joe Vercler farm. It is there where Jacob B. Gerig lived for quite a number of years before he moved to his Woodburn, Ind. farm after having the farm sale in 1936.

IX. Purchased 130 acres near Cornell, Ill. and later sold it again.

X. Purchased 80 acres a few miles S.W. from Flanagan and later sold it.

XI. The last one that we have record of was the 80 acres 1/2 mile east of farm No. VI. which was owned by John after grandfather's death and later by Emma.

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Genealogy of Joseph Gerig II

III.- 1 Katie Gerig, the oldest child, and first daughter was born Feb. 3, 1865, in Waldo Township on the Gerig homestead about 3/4 mile east of the Salem church, and died in Gridley at her home, Oct. 10, 1941. Her funeral was one of the first held in the Salem Evangelical Mennonite church after being remodeled. She is buried in the Waldo cemetery where her father, mother, and two sisters who preceded her lie at rest. The cemetery is about 1/2 mile west of the church. She, being the oldest in the family, had considerable to do in the care of the younger children. Later she worked as "hired girl" for different people in the surrounding area.

She married Christian Becker, born Aug. 1, 1869 in or near Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. He migrated to this country while still a young man. They were farmers and for awhile farmed grandfather's land. Later they purchased land of their own. They farmed in Pike Township where quite a number of the other children did likewise. He had an interest in raising horses, and at one time was the owner of some stallions.

After their sale on the farm on Jan. 13, 1921, about six miles south ofGraymont they lived in Flanagan, El Paso, and the last place was in Gridley. On Nov. 30, 1940 at their home they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. He served as director on the Salem Children's Home Board for a few years. After the death of his wife, he lived in Gridley for a time, and on Mar. 10, 1943 he died at the Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, Illinois. He is buried beside his wife in Waldo Cemetery.

IV. - 14 Lydia Fanny Becker was born Jan. 10, 1892, northwest of Chenoa, Illinois. She received her grade school education in the country school nearly 2 miles from her home. She helped with the work on the farm. As a result of the influenza epidemic, she died at the home of her parents, Oct. 10, 1918, and was buried in the cemetery by her parents. She never married.

IV. - 15 Aaron Noah Becker, was born Dec. 25, 1893, also about six miles N.W. of Chenoa. He too went to the same country school in Pike

Township. Later for a time he was enrolled in Brown's Business College in Bloomington. He married Esther Birkey, daughter of the late Peter and Susan Gerber Birkey, of Morton, Illinois. She was born near Morton, Illinois, Oct. 14, 1895.

They farmed his father's place for awhile until it was sold. For many years they have resided on one of the John Albrecht farms several miles south of Flanagan, where they are presently living. During World War I he served in non-combatant service for several months. Besides farming he sells insurance. Address - Gridley, Illinois.

V. - 40 Helen Ruth Becker, was born near Chenoa April 19, 1925. After education in the country school and then graduating from the Gridley High School, she attended Taylor University at Upland, Indiana. For some time she was engaged in Youth for Christ work. She married Bernard Highland, who was born February 17, 1923 at Pontiac, Illinois. For a while after their marriage they lived in Pontiac, where he was employed by the Illinois Water Service Company. Presently they are farmers living south of Streator. Their address is R.R. #2, Streator, Illinois.

VI. - 91 John Mark Highland was born Sept. 13, 1958 in Streator, Ill.

IV. - 16 Levi (Lee) Edward Becker was born May 24, 1898 at the same place his brother and sister were. He received his education in the country school where the other children did. He farmed his father's place for several years before he was married. He married Pearl Miller daughter of John and Hannah Miller of Archbold, Ohio. She was born Aug. 17, 1900 at Archbold, Ohio. Then after their marriage they lived on the farm before moving to Chicago. He then was salesman for different companies, mostly for household goods and eatables. He died Sept. 26, 1950 as a result of a collision with his car and a street car. Funeral services were held Sept. 29 at the Englewood Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Interment was in Beverly cemetery, quite a distance from where they lived.

Mrs. Becker married the second time a few years ago. Her husband is Edwin Joseph Pearson, born Feb. 11, 1900, at Oakland, Nebraska, the son of a minister of the Evangelical Free Church. They attend the Baptist Church in Chicago. He is an auditor and his wife a supervisor in the Stenographic Department of the Home Insurance Company. Address 4891 N. Hermitage, Chicago 40, Ill.

V. - 41 Doris Jean Becker was born Feb. 14, 1925 in Oak Park, Illinois She married John Bushelle, of Chicago, born Nov. 26, 1925. He is Office Electrical Engineer for the Bell Telephone. Address- Parkridge, Illinois.

VI. - 92	Gregory Scott Bushelle,	born Sept. 10, 1948	(All four
VI. - 93	Sandra Lee Bushelle,	born Dec. 7, 1950	children born
VI. - 94	David Allen Bushelle,	born Oct. 17, 1953	in Chicago)
VI. - 95	Dona Dee Bushelle,	born Dec. 14, 1958	

V. - 42 Carolyn Lee Becker, was born Mar. 21, 1932 in Oak Park, Ill. She married Martin Edward Fogerty of Chicago, born Oct. 6, 1931. He is a salesman. Address - Roselle, Illinois.

VI. - 96 Linda Louise Fogerty, born June 1 , 1954 in Chicago
VI. - 97 Mark John Fogerty, born Apr. 23, 1956 in Germany
VI. - 98 Jeffery Scott Fogerty born Oct. 15, 1958 in Chicago

III. - 2 Anna Gerig was born Mar. 23, 1866 in Waldo Twp., where her sister was born. She died Mar. 26, 1872 at the age of six years and three days. Buried in Waldo Cemetery.

III. - 3 Magdalena Gerig, third child and daughter, was born Oct. 17, 1867 on the Gerig Homestead in Pike Township. Because she was the third oldest in the family, much responsibility was placed upon her to help care for the younger members of the family. Then as a young girl she worked for some people in the area near her home and also had to do work in the field as only the fourth child was a boy.

When 22 years of age she married Joel Zimmerman of Flanagan, who was born about 5 miles southwest of Washington, Ill., Dec. 26, 1862. They were farmers and for six years lived on the farm of Grandfather and Grandmother Zimmerman. Then in 1896 they moved to the farm that father had acquired earlier which was about ½ mile to the north adjoining the one they moved from. In 1900 they built a large barn which was destroyed on June 5, 1942 by lightning. In 1903 the house was built and in 1905 the crib. Other improvements were added later. One of the original buildings that was on the place before they moved there is the smokehouse, which is close to a hundred years old.

In December of 1919 they, with the two youngest children of the family, Alma and Edna, moved to their new home which was built the same year at the north edge of Flanagan on some lots which father had purchased a while before. On Mar. 2, 1940, an outstanding day of their married life, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in their home. All of the immediate family (of whom none had been deceased) were present, totaling eighteen, including the eight grandchildren.

Mother always was greatly concerned about the welfare of her family. During her lifetime she did much hard work, and it was with some reluctance that in her last few years she found it necessary to retire from active duties. About six months before her death her health began to fail noticeably. Her sweet disposition and patience was a great blessing not only to her immediate family but to many others. I, with the others of our family, am thankful for the goodly heritage and Christian parents.

Father, after a short illness, passed away on Nov. 6, 1940 at the age of 77 years, 10 months and 10 days, and mother on Apr. 30, 1956 at the age of 88 years, 6 months and 13 days. At this writing she was older than any of the other children or her parents who preceded her. Father and Mother are buried besides each other in the family lot in Mt. Zion Cemetery about 3 miles northeast of Flanagan.

IV. - 17 Elias Edward Zimmerman was born Feb. 1, 1891 on the farm owned then by Grandfather Zimmerman, about 1 mile N.E. of Flanagan. Went to the Friendship school nearly ½ mile south and one mile east. Beginning with the 7th grade he went to the Flanagan school in which district was the home. Finished the grade school and high school there, graduating from a four year course on June 10, 1910.

Being the oldest son in the family made it necessary that he work on the farm in the busy seasons from the years 11-17. After taking the teacher's examination in July 1910, he began teaching on Aug. 29, 1910 in a country school 4½ miles to the N.W. Taught in different schools of Livingston County for eight years, one half of that time at the Salem Children's Home. Attended I.S.N.U. at Normal, Ill. for two summer terms, completed a Correspondence Course in Algebra. and after his marriage six courses from Moody Bible Institute.

After eight years of teaching he married Katherine B. Stucky, born June 6, 1898 near Groveland, Ill. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stucky and granddaughter of Rev. Peter Hochstettler, one of the first bishops of the Evangelical Mennonite church at Groveland for close to 50 years. She graduated from the Groveland grade school and attended Bradley University in Peoria for awhile.

After their marriage they were farmers and presently still live on the farm owned formerly by Mrs. Zimmerman's father at Groveland. He was actively engaged in farming from 1919 to 1946 inclusive, although often afterwards assisted at times when extra help was required.

He has served his conference, church and community as S.S. Supt. 6 years, Asst. S.S. Supt. 6 years, S.S. secretary, teacher for perhaps at least 25 years, deacon of the Groveland church since 1938, member of the church council since its beginning in 1920, director of the Meadows Mennonite Home since 1927, director of the Salem Children's Home for 21 years. conference trustee for 9 years, church secretary for 38 years, business manager of the Evangelical ~~Association over~~ twenty-seven years, director of the Rural Home Missionary Association over two years, sec.-treas.-of the conference Publication Board for nearly 15 years, Foreign Mission treasurer of the conference for two years, besides many other duties. He has compiled two family records and the third is nearly ready for printing.

Address: R.R. #5, Peoria, Illinois

V. - 43 Edwin Joseph Zimmerman was born Dec. 5, 1919 near Groveland, Ill. Graduated from the Groveland grade school, and 1937 as valedictorian from the Norton Twp. High School. Helped on the farm until he entered service during World War II, serving from Feb. 12, 1942 until Dec. 22, 1945. This took him to different states as Missouri, California, Kentucky and later to England, France and Germany. He had the rank of Sgt. at the time of his discharge.

He married Lois E. Hochstetler born near Norton, Ill., Mar. 8, 1927. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervan Hochstetler of Norton. She attended six years of grade school at Deacon St., near her home and the last two years at the Maple Grove School in the opposite direction from her home. In 1945 she graduated from the Norton Twp. High School. They live on the place bought by his grandfather in 1940 which adjoins the "Home Farm". He has served as S.S. secretary. His wife is a primary teacher in the Groveland church. They are farmers. Address: R.R. #5 Peoria, Ill.

VI. - 99 Phillip Dale Zimmerman born Feb. 5, 1950
VI. - 100 Lester Ray Zimmerman born Aug. 18, 1953 (Twins) All were born
VI. - 101 Esther Kay Zimmerman born Aug. 18, 1953 at Peoria, Ill.

V. 44 Orville Wilbert Zimmerman was born May 28, 1924, near Groveland. Graduated from the Groveland grade school, and in 1941 from the Morton Twp. High school. Helped on the farm and since 1947 he and his brother, Edwin, farm the entire "Home Farm" of 90 A. to which some acreage has been added, in addition to another smaller farm of 80 A. about 1 mile distant. He worked at the carpenter trade for about three months after he was out of school. Now besides farming he has done considerable work along that line. He was responsible for the erection of several buildings at home and elsewhere.

He married Juanita Vivian Korta, born Dec. 14, 1923 at Peoria, Ill., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Korta of that city. She graduated from a Peoria grade school, and then from Peoria Central High School. In 1947 she graduated from a three year Missionary Course at Fort Wayne Bible College. Before her marriage she was a worker at the South Side Mission in Peoria for about 9 years. Orville has served as S.S. secretary, S.S. Supt, Ass't. Supt., and usher. Presently he is a member of the church council, one of the church trustees, and a S.S. teacher in the Groveland church. His wife also has assisted in the Primary department. Address: R.R. #5, Peoria, Illinois

V. - 45 Vernon Kenneth Zimmerman was born Aug. 6, 1928, near Groveland, Ill. He graduated from the Groveland grade school and in 1945 from the Morton Twp. High School. He did assist on the farm part of the time when not in school.

He is past treasurer of the Conference Young People's department. He received a scholarship and entered the University of Illinois in the fall of 1945, majoring in accountancy. Received his B.S. in 1949; M.S. in June 1950; C.P.A. Certificate in July 1952, and Ph.D. in June 1954. So far he did all his teaching at the University and at present is Associate Professor. In the summer of 1951 he went to Europe for research work in accountancy. While there he visited in England, France, Wales, Scotland, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, West Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Lichenstein and Italy.

From July 23, 1954 until June 8, 1956 when he was discharged he was in the Army Auditing Agency at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, also various parts of West Texas and in New Mexico. Also worked for them again in the summer of 1957. He and one of his former professors will soon have a book published pertaining to accountancy. He does auditing for various companies.

School address: 1114 W. Nevada St., Urbana, Illinois
Home address: R.R. #5, Peoria, Illinois

Iv. - 18 Ezra Noah Zimmerman was born Sept. 17, 1894 on the same farm that his brother before him was. He attended the Friendship grade school and then later also went to Flanagan. His occupation was a farmer and he farmed the Zimmerman Homestead for about 30 years. For several years he raised Shepherd and Collie dogs for sale. There was a wide demand for them and many requests came from various states in the Union.

He married Idella Staker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Staker from near Groveland. She was born Apr. 2, 1899 near Groveland. Before her marriage she taught school for a few years in the Morton and Groveland vicinity. He died quite suddenly at St. Joseph Hospital in

Bloomington, May 22, 1946. For 10 years she lived with her daughter, Verniel, and family until in 1957 she moved to her newly built modern residence on S. Jackson St. near Rt. 116.

V. - 49 Darlene Kathryn Zimmerman was born near Flanagan, Aug. 22,1922. She graduated from the Flanagan Grade and High Schools. For awhile she was employed in the Flanagan State Bank. Formerly she did clerical work connected with the Zimmerman Kennels.

She married Clarence Dale Jensen, born June 6, 1919, at Flanagan. He is a farmer and has also a thriving fertilizer business in the village. He served as alderman for several years. His wife does the secretarial work. He served in World War II entering in June 1942. After six months at Salt Lake City, he spent the next 15 months in the Air Cadet pilot training most of the time in California. Graduated in Aug. 1944 receiving his wings as a Flight Officer at La Junta, Colo. From that time until his discharge, Oct. 5, 1945, his time was spent in transition training in B-25, B-26, and A-26. They live on Lincoln Street, Flanagan, Illinois.

VI. - 103 Cline Reece Jensen was born at Pontiac, Illinois, Dec. 3,1952.

V. - 50 Verniel Frances Zimmerman was born Nov. 24, 1924 at Flanagan, Ill. She graduated from the Flanagan Grade and High Schools. She married Paul August Koeller, born at Shannon, Ill. on May 2, 1919. He graduated from Linden High School, Linden, Wisc. As a boy he helped his father on the farm. He and his wife are still raising Shepherd and Collie dogs. She does the secretarial duties. He farms the original 80 A. of the Zimmerman Homestead, and is owner of 20 A. of it. In addition he farms some land near Rowe. He does grain and livestock farming. He is serving his third three-year term on the Flanagan High School Board, one year as president.

He entered the Army Jan. 14, 1942 in World War II, serving with the 1st Armored Division. Was in northern Ireland, England, Africa, Algiers, French Morocco, Tunisia, and Italy. Discharged Sept. 21, 1945. Address: R.R. Flanagan, Illinois.

VI - 104 Jan Paul Koeller was born Nov. 22, 1949, Pontiac, Ill.
VI - 105 Grant Harlan Koeller was born Mar. 9, 1954, Pontiac, Ill.

IV. - 19 Laura Ella Zimmerman was born Sept. 8, 1896 near Flanagan on the Zimmerman Homestead. She attended the Friendship school in the country, and then later went to school in Flanagan. She helped with the work at home. She had the distinction expecially of baking good bread, and was willing to assist others when necessary.

She married Peter Stucky born July 18, 1895, formerly from Berne, Ind. He is a brother to Ezra Stucky mentioned in the genealogy of Chris Gerig elsewhere in this family record. They farmed for many years after their marriage, first in Pike Twp. and then coming to the farm east of Flanagan, 1½ miles. However, the plans of Divine Providence were different. After being at the Mennonite Hospital about 2 weeks, she suddenly, on the morning of Nov. 14, 1958, went to her Eternal Rest. She reached the age of 62 years, 2 months, and 6 days. Mr. Stucky still is doing some farming. Address: Flanagan, Illinois

V. - 46 Jerald Vernon Stucky was born Oct. 16, 1921 in Pike Twp. He attended the Friendship School about ½ mile from his home and then graduated from the Flanagan High School. Served in World War II in various parts of the Union and in Germany. For nearly 11 years he was employed at the Graymont Hatchery. But farming appealed to him more so now he and his father are farming cooperatively for the third year.

He married Betty Jean Block, born Jan. 9, 1925 in Flanagan. She is employed as a telegrapher in various Central Illinois towns, by the Illinois Central R.R. Co. They reside at 301 South Main St. Flanagan, Illinois.

VI. - 102 Dallas Jay Stucky was born May 21, 1953, near Flanagan, Ill.

V. - 47 Leland Lale Stucky was born near Flanagan, July 8, 1926. For awhile he assisted on the farm until he served his time of two years in the Army. He was stationed in California. Since his return he is employed at the Glass Factory in Streator, Ill. As a boy he attended and graduated from the grade school and went to Flanagan High School for a few years. Address: Flanagan, Ill.

V. - 48 Delite Magdalena Stucky was born Jan. 15, 1928, in Flanagan. Graduated from grade school and then from Flanagan High School. For awhile she was employed in Pontiac, Graduated from Bloomington School of Nursing, Sept. 2, 1956 with the title of R.N. After her graduation from there, she served as a nurse for some time at the hospital. Presently she is a nurse in a doctor's office in Bloomington. Address: Flanagan, Illinois.

IV. - 20 Alma May Zimmerman was born May 14, 1900, near Flanagan on the Zimmerman Homestead. Graduated from Flanagan Grade School and then attended High School there one year. Helped with the housework on the farm. As her parents became older she had much of the responsibility in caring for them while her sister was at school. After mother's death she and her sister, Edna began to build a new home on Monroe St. On one of the first days of March 1957 they moved into it. Address: 205 Monroe St., Flanagan, Illinois

IV. - 21 Edna Malinda Zimmerman was born Mar. 26, 1905 also on the Zimmerman Homestead. She graduated from Flanagan Grade and High School. She also went one year to the I.S.N.U. at Normal, Ill. For her vocation she chose to be a teacher. In her day she witnessed the transition from the one room country school, sometimes having all eight grades, to the present system of consolidated schools, a teacher perhaps having only one or two grades. She taught for 24 years in Livingston Co., 4 years in Woodford Co., and 7 years in McLean Co. She has now taught the second grade in the Flanagan Grade School for 9 years. She has at different times assisted in the teaching of Daily Vacation Bible School. Address: 205 Monroe St., Flanagan, Ill.

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III. - 4 Joseph H. Gerig was born June 30, 1869 in Waldo Township on the Gerig Homestead. He attended the King School and helped his father on the farm. While still a young man he married Mary Zimmerman, born Jan. 16, 1871 near Chenoa, Ill. She was one of the daughters of

Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman, also pioneer residents in the area.

After their marriage they farmed the farm adjacent to his father's. In the spring of 1899, they moved to the farm purchased from the late Joseph Yordy. Of the 140 acres he purchased 100 and my father the other forty, located one mile N.E. of Flanagan.

In 1914 the family moved to the farm formerly occupied by John Oyer in Waldo Township, or just across the road from the farm now owned by the Salem Children's Home, formerly known as the "Broad Farm". Then in 1917 after having purchased a farm south of Woodburn, Indiana, several miles the family left the others of their kin to their new home. In 1923 he and his wife retired to the village of Woodburn where they resided until their death. He died suddenly on May 10, 1954, and his wife on June 21, 1956. Both are buried in the cemetery N.W. of Woodburn. They celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary April 19, 1954, just a few weeks before his death.

In addition to farming he did much carpenter work, erecting and helping others erect buildings. He built his own house on the farm which he bought from Mr. Yordy, mentioned above. That farm is now occupied by the Roy Roeschley family. He served as director of the Salem Children's Home for a few years, a deacon of the Salem church in Ill. for a number of years, in addition to holding various other offices. He was the one who drew the plans of the Woodburn Church when it was remodeled.

IV. - 22 Ella Leah Gerig was born June 25, 1893, in Pike Township near Chenoa, Ill. Attended Friendship School near her home. After moving to Indiana in 1917 she was married to Henry Gerig, of Woodburn, Ind. who was born July 23, 1889 at Grabill, Ind. His parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Gerig who were farmers and moved to Woodburn about 1895.

They farmed for several years near Woodburn, and presently live near the church in the S.W. corner of the village. He served as janitor of their church (Evangelical Mennonite) and also for a number of years drove a school bus. Retired. Address: Woodburn, Indiana

V. - 51 Lester Joseph Gerig was born Mar. 14, 1924 at Woodburn. Graduated from the Woodburn High School. In World War II he served as 1st Lt. in the Air Force. Flew B-24, B-25, and B-29. Was in service from Feb. 1943 until Mar. 1946. Never went overseas. He is now a farmer and dairyman. Married Waneta Inez DeWitte, born Dec. 4, 1924, in Whitley County, Ind. Address: Woodburn, Indiana.

VI. - 106 Lester Joseph Gerig, Jr., born Dec. 8, 1943.
VI. - 107 Connie Sue Gerig, born Sept. 13, 1945.
VI. - 108 Dean Allan Gerig, born Jan. 25, 1947.
VI. - 109 Terry Lee Gerig, born Apr. 2, 1948.
VI. - 110 Gloria Jean Gerig, born June 14, 1951.
VI. - 111 Randy Joe Gerig, born Mar. 2, 1954.
VI. - 112 Dennis Lee Gerig, born June 22, 1955.

All these children were born in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

V. - 52 Annabelle Mae Gerig was born at Woodburn, Ind. May 11, 1929. Graduated from the Woodburn High School. She married Robert Bollier, born May 3, 1925 at Wolcott, Ind. Attended grade school. In World War II he served in the Navy from Sept. 1943 until Apr. 1946, as Sea-

man 1st class on the Destroyer, Escort. For the last ten years he was employed working with gas pumps, presently working at Spencerville, Ind. Address: Harlan, Ind.

VI. - 113 Nancy Ann Bollier, born Aug. 21, 1949.
VI.- 114 William H. Bollier, born Jan. 16, 1952.
VI. - 115 Kay Marie Bollier, born Apr. 9, 1957.
All three children were born in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Below is the record of Henry Gerig's first marriage. Henry Gerig was married the first time to Carrie Rupp, born Aug. 28, 1886, near Wauseon, Ohio. She died July 27, 1918, and is buried in the Mennonite cemetery N.W. of Woodburn. The children from the first marriage are:

V. Alvin Henry Gerig, born Jan 24, 1914 at Woodburn, Ind. Married Velma Mooney, born Mar. 23, 1919 at Monroeville, Ind. She is a graduate nurse having the title R.N. He formerly was employed at the Frozen Food Lockers in Woodburn, a factory worker, and now by the Freuhauf Trailer Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind. Address: Monroeville, Ind.

VI. Lynn Alvin Gerig, born Jan. 24, 1947.
VI. Doris Ann Gerig, born Nov. 6, 1950.
Both were born in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

V. Garnet Marie Gerig, born Aug. 20, 1917 at Woodburn. Died Oct. 2, 1917.

IV. - 23 Elmer Ezra Gerig was born June 8, 1895 near Chenoa, Ill. As a boy he also attended the Friendship School and helped with the regular farm work. Not too long after the family had moved to Woodburn in 1917, he was married to Mary Ann Steiner, born May 21, 1894. Her father was Paul Steiner. Her mother was the former Magdalena Gerig and her stepmother was Hannah Gerig. They lived on the farm about three miles south of Woodburn, and in 1952 retired to the village of Woodburn. They live on the highway that goes east out of town, just across the street from where his folks lived when they retired.

V. - 53 Norman Leon Gerig was born Nov. 2, 1924 at Defiance, Ohio. He worked on the farm as a boy. Graduated from High School. He married Mary Lou Williamson, born Dec. 8, 1926, in Noble County, Ind. He did not farm his father's farm the first year after they left the farm, but then the next two years. For several years he also had a milk route in addition to farming. They have purchased a farm of their own about 25 miles north of Woodburn. Address: R.R. #1, Auburn, Ind.

VI. - 116 Kathleen Ann Gerig, born Oct. 28, 1949.
VI. - 117 Gail Lynn Gerig, born Mar. 30, 1953.
VI. - 118 Michael Wayne Gerig, born Aug. 14, 1956.
All three children were born at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

V. - 54 Janice Marcell Gerig, born Oct. 26, 1926 (1934) at Defiance, Ohio. Attended High School for awhile. Worked at Brotherhood Mutual Ins. Co. for three years. She married Andrew Delagrange, born Sept. 30, 1926 at Woodburn, Ind. They live on the farm and farming where Janice's folks lived. In addition he helps on his mother's farm. He has a milk route. Address: R.R. #2, Woodburn, Ind.

VI. - 119 Penny Sue Delogrange, born May 13, 1957 at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

IV. - 24 Clara Esther Gerig was born Aug. 8, 1897, in Pike Twp., near Chenoa, Ill. She also went to the country school with those who were older. After the family had moved to Woodburn, she was married to Jesse Andrew Yaggy, born June 29, 1896, near Woodburn. They lived just at the north edge of Woodburn on his father's farm until a few years ago when they moved to their own farm about 2 miles east of that village. His father was a deacon of the Woodburn church for many years where he and his wife faithfully attended.

Besides farming he was chorister or assistant for 40 years either for church or Sunday School services. In addition he served his church as trustee, conference delegate, and presently a member of the church council. He is also loan inspector for A.S.C., chairman of the Woodburn Community Park, and deputy assessor. He served as chairman and four years as secretary of the Maumee Township Farm Bureau. Address: Woodburn, Indiana.

V. - 55 Loretta Jane Gerig was born in Ft. Wayne, Ind., Dec. 11, 1931. Graduated from Woodburn High School. She married Kenneth C. Fiedler, born July 10, 1931, in Ft. Wayne, Ind. He graduated from Woodburn High School and his present job is machinist for his father who is a Massey Harris Implement dealer. Address: Woodburn, Ind.

VI. - 120 Keith Allen Fiedler, born Oct. 19, 1951.
VI. - 121 Rickey Lynn Fiedler, born Dec. 4, 1953.
VI. - 122 Michael Duane Fiedler, born Jan. 23, 1955.
All three children were born in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

IV. - 25 Noah Joel Gerig was born Dec. 15, 1899, near Flanagan, Ill. Went to the Friendship School near his home. Afterwards he helped his father with farming both in Illinois and then in Indiana. After his parents moved to Woodburn, he farmed the "Home place" and still lives there doing some farming with his son, Merle. He is now the owner of the farm.

He married Elsie Mae Ehresman, born Sept. 5, 1899, near Chenoa, Ill. He also operated a threshing machine (before the days when all the grain was combined) and a corn sheller. When a young boy he served as usher, and later as a member of the Young People's Committee. Presently he is a deacon, conference trustee, and a member of the Executive Committee of the conference. He also has served as S.S. teacher, S.S. sup't., church chairman, home mission board, church trustee, church secretary and treasurer, and twice on a building committee. Was a director of the Edgerton Grain Elevator, Edgertown, Ind. for about 15 years and on the advisory board of the Jackson Twp. School for 4 years. Address: Woodburn, Ind.

V. - 56 Emerald Dale Gerig was born July 31, 1925 at Woodburn. After graduating from the local high school, he later graduated from Taylor University, Upland, Ind. He farmed for a short time. At the present time he works for the Brotherhood Mutual Ins. Co. in Ft. Wayne. In his home church at Woodburn, he directs the ladies chorus. He is a licensed minister in the Evangelical Mennonite Conference. His wife was the former Gwendolyn Irene Sommerville of Morris, Pa., born Oct. 23, 1926. After graduating from Taylor University she taught school for one year in Pa., two years at Huntington, Ind., and for awhile was a part time music instructor in Jackson Township not too far from Woodburn. Address: Woodburn, Indiana.

VI. - 123 Emily Ann Gerig, born Feb. 3, 1951.
VI. - 124 Gregory Lee Gerig, born Nov. 27, 1954.
VI. - 125 Onalee Irene Gerig, born Feb. 13, 1957.
All three children were born in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

V. - 57 Merle Leon Gerig was born Mar. 22, 1927, near Woodburn. Graduated from Woodburn High School. Farms with his father and also other land in the immediate community. He married Eloise Elizabeth Klaehn, born May 16, 1931 in Ft. Wayne. Before her marriage she was employed at the Lincoln Life Ins. Co. in Ft. Wayne. Address: Woodburn, Ind.

VI. - 126 Jacqueline Sue Gerig, born Jan 21, 1954.
VI. - 127 Dean Leon Gerig, born Jan. 27, 1957
VI. - 128 Jill Marie Ger g, born Aug. 28, 1958
All three were born in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

V. - 58 Eloise Joan Gerig was born near Woodburn, Ind,, Sept. 6, 1931. Graduated from grade school and then Woodburn High School, and afterwards from Taylor University, Upland, Ohio. Taught in elementary schools, one year at Marion, Ind., two at Lansing, Mich., one at Providence, Rhode Island and one at South Bend, Ind.

Married Gerald Eugene Throne from St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, born Mar. 27, 1931. He went to a vocational school in St. John, and took art for two years, after which he went to Providence-Barrington Bible College where he studied music. Presently he is music and youth director at the Calvary Baptist Church in South Bend, Ind.
Address: 747½ Leland Ave., South Bend, Indiana.

VI. - 129 Susan Lynne Throne, born Aug. 31, 1958 in South Bend, Ind.

IV. - 26 Daniel Amos Gerig was born Feb. 19, 1902, about a mile N.E. of Flanagan. As a boy he attended the school with the rest of the children, and graduated from the 8th grade. He farmed for about eight years, part of the time for himself until 1931. He had a milk route for two years. From 1932-38 he had a produce business in Woodburn. From 1938-40 he was the proprietor of a restaurant in Decatur, Ind., then for some time in the grocery business in Lima, Ohio. Later he was employed by Westinghouse in Lima and is still there. He married Wanda B. Miller, born July 29, 1902 at Toledo, Ohio.

V. - 59 Evelyn Marie Gerig was born Jan. 10, 1925 at Woodburn. Graduated from high school ~~Lima Ohio~~ She was married to Carl Bernard Klaus, born July 24, 192[illegible], at Landeck, Ohio. Graduated from high school. During World War II he worked at Tank Depot, Lima, then in 1947 he bought a grocery store in Ottawa, Ohio. Address: 1063 E. 4th Street, Ottawa, Ohio.

VI. - 130 Terry Lee Klaus, born Apr. 28, 1945.
VI. - 131 Deanna Marie Klaus, born July 31, 1947.
VI. - 132 Jeanette Louise Klaus, born May 10, 1949.
All four children were born in Lima, Ohio.
VI. - 133 Richard Carl Klaus, born Sept. 12, 1951, died Sept. 15, 1951.
(All four children born at Lima, Ohio)

V. - 60 Delores Mary Gerig was born Nov. 24, 1927 at Woodburn, Ind. Graduated from ~~that high~~ school, married William Robert Hawk born July 10, 1929 at Lafayette, Ohio. He also is a high school graduate.

Lafayette, Ohio

VI. - 134 Robert Joe Hawk born May 12, 1948
VI. - 135 Dennis Allen Hawk born May 12, 1949
VI. - 136 Jenelle Anette Hawk born July 19, 1951
VI. - 137 Bonita Jane Hawk born Sept. 14, 1953
VI. - 138 Lynette Dee Hawk born Mar. 2, 1956
(All five children born at Lafayette, Ohio)
Husband works at Pillsbury Mills, Lima, Ohio. Address - Lafayette, Ohio.

V. - 61 Cletus LeVon Gerig was born Sept. 19, 1929 at Woodburn, Ind. Graduated from the high school there. Married Barbara Josephine Terrill, born Feb. 26, 1934 in Farmersvill, Louisiana. She also attended high school.

VI. - 139 Deborah Liegh Gerig born Oct. 12, 1955-Solana Beach, Cal.
VI. - 140 Jeffrey Brian Gerig born Mar. 27, 1958-Solana Beach, Cal.

He was Master Sgt. in the Korean War. In service two years. Now a painter and decorator. Address - 351 N. Acacia St., Solana Beach, California.

V. - 62 Carol Bernice Gerig was born June 5, 1934 at Woodburn, Ind. Graduated from the local high school. Married David Lee Heffner born Apr. 4, 1934 at Columbus, Ohio. Also a high school graduate. Served in the Navy from Apr. 1951 to Nov. 1952, then in the regular service until Apr. 1955. Occupation-Sherwin Williams Paint salesman. Address - 1347 Brice Ave., Lima, Ohio.

VI. - 141 Michael Lee Heffner born Dec. 14, 1953 - Lima, Ohio
VI. - 142 Julia Bernice Heffner born July 9, 1956 - Lima, Ohio

V. - 63 Karen Sue Gerig was born Mar. 18, 1943 at Lima, Ohio. Junior in the Lima High School beginning in the Fall of 1959.

Daniel Amos Gerig married a second wife, Lula Marguerite Gearhart born May 10, 1908 at Edon, Ohio. Address - 679 Cortlandt Ave., Lima, Ohio.

III. - 5 Jacob B. Gerig was born in Waldo Twp. on the Gerig Homestead Dec. 22, 1872. As a boy he also attended the King School. When he was a young lad of 13 years the family moved to their new home in Pike Twp. At the age of 22 he began farming for himself and made that his occupation throught the years until now. He was on different farms of his father. One year after his marriage he lived with his folks on account of his health. As a young man his brother Peter and his sister Mary were together on the farm south of Pike cemetery. Later he lived East of the home place on Pike Twp., a little over 2 miles.

He was married to Minnie Rediger, born May 4, 1886 near Chenoa. For quite a number of years they lived on a farm at the south end of Pike Twp., formerly known as the Joe Vercler farm which Grandfather had purchased. This was a few miles N.E. of Meadows. He, with his neighbor, Jacob Zimmerman, had a steam threshing outfit for several years. Later he purchased a small machine which was quite popular before the combines took over.

He served as road commissioner for six years, was school director for several years, and served the E. M. Church as assistant S. S. teacher for a time.

On December 9, 1936 he held a public sale on his place and in March, 1937 he moved to Woodburn, Indiana where already some of his kin had gone before. He bought a farm just east of Woodburn, but later sold some of it and bought a tract near Pioneer, Ohio where his son Gaylord and family live. For a while after he had moved to Woodburn he was in the Produce business, buying and selling cream and eggs. He and his wife are living in the village of Woodburn, Ind. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 1, 1956

IV. - 27 Gaylord Edwin Gerig was born June 3, 1915 near Chenoa. As a boy he worked some of the time with his folks on the farm. After completing his earlier education he graduated from Taylor University. Upon graduation he was ordained into the ministry of the Evangelical Mennonite Conference.

He married Ola Mae Raber, born May 24, 1920 near Payne, Ohio. They lived in Adrian, Michigan for 5 years and he was pastor of the church there. Now for five years they have lived at Pioneer, Ohio, where he is Guidance Director and teaches in the Senior High School. His wife at the present time is teaching in the Alvordton, Ohio elementary school of West Unity - Millcreek local schools. For two years before this time he was in the employ of the Probate Court at Adrian, Mich. For a while when the family lived in Indiana he was in partnership with his father in the Produce business. Their address is Pioneer, Ohio.

V. - 64 Clifford Eugene Gerig was born June 1, 1939. Graduated from Pioneer High School and is presently working for his father.

V. - 65 Kenneth Lee Gerig was born Aug. 8, 1941. Graduated from High school and plans to enter the Bryan Branch of Bowling Green University in September.

V. - 66 Teddie Lewis Gerig was born May 13, 1943. Will be a junior in nigh school.

V. - 67 Gaylord Leon Gerig was born May 31, 1953. Ready to start first grade.

(All four above boys were born at or near Woodburn)

IV. - 28 Alvin Everett Gerig was born Sept. 2, 1917 near Chenoa, Ill. Attended and graduated from the eight grade. He was associated with his father in farming while in Illinois and also for a while after they moved to Indiana. He helped, too, with the small thresher which his father had in the neighborhood. When at Woodburn for a while he was in partnership with his father in the Produce business. He had been a farmer until the Spring of 1958. Since that time he has been driving a poultry truck out of Leo, Indiana.

His wife is the former Mildred June Dancer born Dec. 28, 1918 in Stuber County, Indiana.

V. - 68 Rita Nanette Gerig was born Mar. 18, 1943, Woodburn, Ind.
V. - 69 Larry Dean Gerig was born Aug. 25, 1945, Woodburn, Ind.
Rita is a Junior at Woodburn High School this fall. Larry also attends.

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III. - 6 Peter Gerig was born July 23, 1874, on the Waldo Twp. farm. Attended the King School in his youthful days, then as those before him, he worked on the farm for his parents. Like the boys before him, he as a young man started farming for himself. He lived on the place south of Pike cemetery for a number of years. That was his father's place at first.

While a young man of 24 years, he married Malinda Zimmerman of nearby Chenoa, Ill., born Mar. 9, 1879. She was a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Chris Zimmerman. Her father at one time was a minister at the Waldo Mennonite Church.

In 1908 or about that time, he purchased 80 A. about two miles N.E. of Flanagan, moving on it the next year, and lived there continuously for 35 years except one year when he lived on the former John Oyer place and farmed it. That was just across the road from the Salem Children's Home Farm on which George Egle now resides, farming it. Then in 1944 he with his wife and daughter, Lorena, retired to their comfortable home in the quiet village of Flanagan on 103 W. Jackson Street.

Besides farming he was a carpenter erecting the buildings on the Flanagan farm, and did building for many other people, and even just this year when almost 85 years of age did some work in his own home. He also served as school director for 17 years; was Township treasurer for 27 years; S.S. teacher for a number of years; director of the Meadows Mennonite Home for 20 years, and treasurer of the Home for the Aged most of that time; treasurer of the Mennonite Hospital for quite a number of years; (he is now honorary member on both of the above Boards); trustee three times for bankruptcy cases; dealt with various attorneys; clerked sales at different times for 15 years; director of the Home Mission Board of the E.M. conference for 21 years and treasurer of the Board for several years, and conference delegate for 32 years.

In the days of the threshing machine, he operated one for 4 years for his brother, Jacob, 2 years for Dan Roth and quite a few years for Stucky Bros. of Flanagan.

He and his wife are both able to be about. He generally makes his daily trips to the Post Office. They celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 13, 1958.

IV - 29 Inez Mable Gerig was born May 24, 1901, near Chenoa, Ill. Graduated from the 8th grade. She died as a result of the influenza epidemic on Oct. 21, 1918. She is buried in Waldo cemetery.

IV. - 30 Lorena Magdalena Gerig was born Oct. 5, 1905, near Chenoa, Ill. Graduated from the 8th grade and then attended Flanagan High School for awhile. She is the one who has been with her folks most of the time, and now especially in their old age is appreciated very much by them. Beginning in 1947 she has assisted as part time worker at the Salem Children's Home with washing and mending, the latter being

her most important work to do.

IV. - 31 Sylvia Katherine Gerig was born June 10, 1908, near Chenoa, Ill. After graduating from the country school near her home, she graduated from Flanagan High School. For eight years she taught different country schools not too far from the family home. She attended Illinois State Normal University for one year and also a summer term. Later she went to Ft. Wayne Bible College for a time. In May of 1939, she graduated from the Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, and is there-for a R.N. On different occasions she now does nursing when necessary, even if a farmer's wife.

After her graduation from the School of nursing, she was married to Harry Clarence Knuth, born Mar. 30, 1902 at Normal, Ill. For 10 years after their marriage, they lived on her father's farm - the one purchased by him in about 1908. In Feb. 1954 they purchased a farm of 200 A. near Hinckley, Ill., where they now reside. Besides the regular farm crops they raise many hogs. Before farming at Flanagan, they farmed about four years on his father's place near Normal. Mrs. Knuth is very efficient in helping with the outside work of the farm. Address: Hinckley, Illinois.

V. - 70 Charlotte Kay Knuth was born at Bloomington on Apr. 11, 1941. Graduated in 1958 from Big Rock High School in Hinckley, Ill. She served already as a Nurse's Aid and contemplates on being a nurse, taking training in the Passavent Memorial Hospital in Chicago beginning this fall.

V. - 71 Lois Elaine Knuth was born Mar. 26, 1942 at Bloomington. She attends school at Hinckley and is to graduate in 1960.

IV. - 32 Lester Clifford Gerig was born May 23, 1911 at Flanagan. Graduated from the grade school near his home. He helped his father with farming for four years. He also attended Brown's Business College in Bloomington. During World War II he served as director at a Civilian Public Service Camp at Dennison, Iowa.

After finishing his studies at Brown's Business College he accepted the position with an insurance and investment firm in Bloomington. He remained with the firm for 13 years and was a stenographer and an appraiser of farm lands and buildings. In an issue of the Flanagan Home Times, they listed some more of his present and past services, which are as follows: He was recently elected vice president of the Brotherhood Mutual Life Insurance Company at Fort Wayne, Ind. Upon joining the Company in 1946, he served as agency supervisor, and in 1953 was appointed director of agencies. He was elected to the Board in March 1956. He is a member of the General Agents and Managers Ass'n. a representative of the Indiana Home Office Legal Reserve Life Insurance Ass'n., treasurer of the Indiana Security Investment Corp., Board member of the Evangelical Mennonite Conference, and serving on the Board of trustees of Taylor University, Upland, Ind. This was listed a few years ago. Perhaps at this time he may have more responsibilities. He is also a deacon of the Highland Bethel Church in Fort Wayne.

He married the former Mildred Ehresman of Gridley, Ill., born June 27, 1910 at Gridley. She also being educated in business is of great help to her husband. They have no children. Address: 2202 Lynn Ave., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

III. - 7 Mary Gerig was born Nov. 11, 1876 in Waldo Township. Like the others of the children she helped her folks as there was always a great amount of work with a large family. Then after some of the younger ones could take her place, she worked for many years as was called in those days a"hired girl". She helped different ones of her brothers and sisters after they were married. And even before she kept house for her brothers, Jacob and Peter. The writer remembers when she worked for his parents at about the beginning of the present century. She could accomplish her duties with great ability. Besides helping her own kin, she also helped many others.

She had been married to Henry Gerig, who was born Sept. 7, in Germany. She was his first wife. His occupation was a farmer. He died Nov. 18, 1947. She and her daughter lived just about ½ mile east of the village of Flanagan. She sold that property and bought near Woodburn, Ind. At one time she also owned a tract of land about two miles north and east of the Salem church, which was also sold before going to Indiana in about 1929. She still resides on the farm with her daughter and family. For about four years she has been an invalid but the good Lord is comfort and strength to her.

IV. - 33 Amanda Luella Gerig was born June 24, 1903 near Chenoa, Ill. As a young girl she attended the Flanagan Grade School at least some of the time. She also assisted others at times with housework. She married Elmer Alexander Adreon of Lexington, Ill., who was born June 15, 1896. After they moved to Indiana, he farmed for a number of years on the place when the family moved to that state. Later he was employed in Ft. Wayne almost 15 years. He worked for the Rae Magnet Wire Co. He retired in 1958. They still live on the farm. Address: Woodburn.

V. - 72 Mary Amanda Adreon was born May 2, 1929 near Woodburn, Ind. Graduated from Woodburn High School. She too has been employed in Ft. Wayne having a good position with an Electric Company.

V. - 73 Ronald Lee Adreon was born July 8, 1943 near Woodburn. Graduated grade school and was a sophomore in 1958. He is interested in athletics.

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III. 8 John H. Gerig was born May 11, 1878 in Waldo Twp. east of the Salem church. As a boy he attended the King school, as the other children worked on the farm with his father. When perhaps about 21 years of age he started for himself as a farmer. Later he was married to Lizzie Gerig, born near Grabill, Ind. on Oct. 17, 1882. She was a sister to the late Rev. J. K. Gerig, widely known preacher and bishop of the Evangelical Mennonite Conference.

They farmed for awhile on the place that grandfather owned just south of the Pike cemetery on the west side of the road where some of the other children had lived. After a number of years the family moved to the place formerly owned by his brother, Joseph, and later by his brother Chris, N.E. of Flanagan. They lived in Chenoa for one year before moving to Flanagan. Roy Roeschley now lives on it.

In Sept. 1918 he with his family, wife and two children moved to Edgerton, Ind., intending to farm there. But Divine Providence had a

different plan. On Dec. 9, 1918, after being in Indiana for only about three months, he suddenly passed away at the age of 40 years, 6 months, and 28 days. This naturally caused quite a concern for his wife and two small children. However, they stayed with different ones of the relatives at different times. For a time the children and their mother lived in an apartment with Noah Gerig on his farm. When her son Harry married, she lived with them for a number of years. Although being crippled with rheumatism for many years she was of a cheerful disposition, bearing her troubles with great courage, and was a blessing to many. She passed away on Dec. 25, 1946 at the home of her son. Both husband and wife are buried in the church cemetery N.W. of Woodburn.

IV. - 34 Harry Joseph Gerig was born in Chenoa, Illinois July 13, 1910. He grew to manhood in the Woodburn community and due to his father's early death was required to work for different people, some or perhaps most of them his relatives. He received his education in country school or schools of that area.

He married Ida Kathryn Ehresman, born Oct. 28, 1908 near Chenoa, Ill., a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Ehresman of Woodburn. She went to grade school near Woodburn and attended high school for one year. Her father is still living in the village. They are farmers and farm the land that his father had. They now own some additional land nearby. Address - Woodburn, Indiana.

V. - 74 Harold Wayne Gerig was born Feb. 21, 1935 at Pontiac, Illinois He attended the country school near his home at Woodburn. He married Gloria Allen Hosting, born Mar. 15, 1937 at Woodburn, where she also atterded school. He was chairman of the Young People's group at the Woodburn church. After his marriage he attended school for awhile to receive further training. He is employed at Richman's Clothing Store at Southgate Plaza, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Address - R.R. #2, Woodburn, Ind.

VI. - 143 Debra Kay Gerig born Mar. 29, 1955 at Ft. Wayne, Ind.
VI. - 144 Jenifer Kay Gerig born Sept. 30, 1957 at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

V. - 75 Ivan Richard Gerig was born Sept. 24, 1940 at Woodburn. He graduated from both grade school and Woodburn High School. Has served as S. S. Secretary.

V. - 76 Jerry Dean Gerig was born May 12, 1942 at Woodburn. Will be a senior in Woodburn High School this Fall.

V. - 77 Donald Alvin Gerig Born July 21, 1944, Woodburn
V. - 78 Dennis Melvin Gerig Born July 21, 1944, Woodburn (twins)

IV. 35 Mabel Fanny Gerig was born Oct. 1, 1912 in Pike Twp. near Chenoa. She also received a grade school education in the Woodburn community. She married Earl Brown, born June 1, 1912. For awhile he worked in a print shop in Chicago. They, with his father and Aunt Emma, were engaged in evangelistic meetings in different states for awhile. While living at Camargo, Ill, she was accidentally burned and for several months endured suffering and pain. She died July 15, 1936 in a Ft. Wayne hospital, and was buried in the church cemetery NW of Woodburn.

V. - 79 Clarence Earl Brown was born Jan 30, 1933 at Ft. Wayne, Ind. Married Evelyn ------. He is interested in the real estate business. Addredd - Kalamazoo, Michigan.

VI. - 145 Dennis Clair Brown born in 1953

V. - 80 Ruth Marie Brown was born May 6, 1934 at Newman, Ill. Married Marvin Rice. Address - (Unknown)

VI. - 146 (A girl)

V. - 81 David Lee Brown was born Dec. 9, 1935 in Oakland, Ill. Served for a time in the Navy located in Texas. Also worked for a time in a grocery store in Vicksburg, Michigan.

Earl married Hazel Mann for his second wife in 1939. They lived in Chicago for a while. Later bought a rooming house in Michigan and then later another house to rent out apartments.

NOTE: I am sorry that no more information was available of the Earl Brown family. The above is correct to the best information received.

III. - 9 Chris Gerig was born Jan. 17, 1880 in Waldo Twp, as those before him, on the original Homestead. Went to the King School presumably only for a short time, as the family soon moved to the new home in Pike Twp. Like the others, he helped his folks on the farm, until 1902 at the age of 22 years he began farming for himself on the home place where they had moved when he was about 8 years old. For one year he did not farm the land as his brother Jake and wife lived there in 1908 on account of Jacob's health.

In Sept. 1906 he was married to Mary Ann Litwiller, born Nov. 29, 1889 near Chenoa, Illinois. She was a daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. David Litwiller who lived in the area for many years. They continued to farm on the "Home Place" until they with their two daughters moved in Dec. of 1918 to the farm N.E. of Flanagan now occupied by Roy Roenchley. That, too, was the farm owned earlier by his brother Joseph and later John, until 1918. His wife died Jan. 8, 1948 and is buried in Waldo cemetery.

They continued to farm here until 1932 when he sold the farm to George Block. After this they resided in the extreme N.E. corner of Flanagan. On Mar. 1, 1941 he and his wife went to be workers at the Salem Children's Home. He took care of the farming and also did other work at times, especially as a carpenter. His wife assisted at least some of the time in the general work of the Home. They were there for seven years.

After the death of his wife he lived for nearly 1½ years with his daughter Lillian and family. He then purchased a house on N. Jackson in Flanagan. He lived there until he sold the house on Apr. 11, 1957. For a while on N. Jackson his sister Emma, after having sold her Chicago property, lived with him part of the time from 1954. Presently he lives in Gridley - six months with his daughter Viola and her family and six months with Lillian and family.

Besides doing considerable carpenter work, especially after he quit farming, he served his church and conference loyally. He was S.S. teacher for about 25 or 30 years, deacon of the Salem church since 1923, at different times substituted for his pastor in the local church or at other places, past director for a few years of the Salem Children's Home, and conference delagate for many years.

IV. - 36 Viola Mae Gerig was born Sept. 10, 1907 near Chenoa, Illinois. Attended Pike grade school, District #42 and later at the Friendship school near Flanagan. Attended two years at Flanagan High School. She received a Teacher's certificate in Piano from the Bloomington Conservatory of Music. She was instructor in piano. Also served the Salem church as pianist. Now a homemaker.

She married Eldon Wayne Roth, born Dec. 2, 1901, in Waldo Twp. near the Salem church. He was one of the several sons of the late Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Roth. He attended King school where even his parents and other relatives had gone. They farmed for 22 years on a farm about ½ mile west of the church which was once owned by his grandfather, Ben Roth. After the farm was sold they moved in 1950 to Gridley and still reside there. First in 1950 he was employed by Hart Carter at Gridley. In 1956 he began working for the Ulrich Mfg. Co. in Roanoke where he still works. He also does farming on a small scale on a tract of his own. They reside at 113 E. 6th St., Gridley, Illinois.

V. - 82 Donald Wayne Roth was born Sept 28, 1935 at Bloomington, Ill. Attended King school for seven years and 8th grade at Gridley Consld. Grade School. Graduated from Gridley High School. Received his B.S. from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois in 1957. Teaches mathematics Glenbard H. S. at Glenn Ellyn, Illinois. He is a talented musician and also a licensed minister in the E. M. Conference.

V. - 83 Marilyn Mae Roth was born Feb. 4, 1937 at Bloomington, Ill. Attended King School, then Gridley Consld. School. Graduated from Gridley High School. Formerly employed by the Daily Pantagraph, Bloomington, as an office clerk. She married Richard Lee Oyer, born Jan. 3, 1930 in Pike Twp., son of Mr. & Mrs. [illegible] Oyer. His grandparents on his mother's side were the late Rev. & Mrs. C. R. Egle. Richard graduated from the Cornell High School and as a boy worked on a farm.

After their marriage they moved to Morton. For awhile he was employed by the Martin Oil Co. of Peoria, later as a truck driver for the Maurice Transport(Gasoline) out of Morton. Then he worked for Zehr Bros trucking company in Morton and is presently employed by Home Oil Co. of Morton. Address - 749 Kay St., Morton, Illinois.

VI. - 147	Brenda Lee Oyer	born Feb. 20, 1957 at Peoria, Illinois
VI. - 148	Linda Mae Oyer	born Jun. 18, 1958 at Peoria, Illinois
VI. - 149	Janet Sue Oyer	born Jul. 4, 1959 at Peoria, Illinois

V. ~~84~~ Margery Lou Roth was born Feb. 20, 1939 at Bloomington, Ill. Attended King School, Gridley Consolidated Grade School, and graduated from Gridley High School. Was employed for a while by State Farm Insurance Co. in Bloomington as numbering and listing clerk and later as policy typist. In Jan., 1958 she was accepted as dental assistant (a receptionist) to Leonard J. Rich, D.D.S. in Gridley.

V. - 85 Elden David Roth was born Mar. 7, 1940 at Bloomington, Ill. Attended King School, Gridley Consld. Grade School; and graduated from Gridley High School May 27, 1958. Was a local Pantagraph Carrier for about six years. Working for a carpenter this summer and intends to return to Wheaton College this Fall as a sophmore.

V. - 86 Cheryl Ann Roth was born May 23, 1944 at Bloomington, Ill. Graduated from Gridley Consolidated Grade School in 1958. Will be a sophmore in the Gridley High School.

IV. - 37 Lillian Bernice Gerig was born Apr. 22, 1912 near Chenoa, Ill. Attended Friendship School one year then finished the grade school in Flanagan, also attending High School there one year. She married Ezra Stucky of Berne, Ind. who was born May 29, 1902. He was a son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Chris Stucky of Berne, Ind.

After their marriage they farmed 1929-30 at Berne, Ind. For about one year they lived with her folks farming Peter Gerig's land for probably 2 years. Then from 1932-44 they farmed the 80 A. N.E. of Flanagan which many years ago was the birthplace of the writer. In the spring of 1944 they moved to Pike Twp. on the place formerly owned by Christian Becker, staying there seven years. After their farm sale they moved to Gridley where he was employed by Hart Carter Co. for approx- two years and since 1952 is employed by the Ulrich Mfg. Co., Roanoke, Address: Gridley, Ill.

V. - 87 Jean Kathryn Stucky was born Aug. 4, 1935 near Flanagan. After grade school she graduated from Gridley High School. For about 3 years she was secretary for the Kane Adv. Co, Bloomington, Ill. She married Leon Wayne from near El Paso, born Jan 30, 1929 near Panola, Ill. He graduated from El Paso High School. They are farmers N.E. of El Paso. Address: El Paso, Ill.

V. - 88 Richard Lee Stucky was born May 17, 1940 at Bloomington. Graduated from Gridley High School, May 27, 1958. He plans to attend I.S.N.U. this fall at Normal, Ill. for his second year.

V. - 89 Roger Carl Stucky was born Mar. 28, 1943 at Pontiac, Ill. Attended Gridley High School. He will be a junior this fall.

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III. - 10 Lizzie Gerig was born May 20, 1881 in Waldo Twp. Attended the King school for a little while before the family moved to Pike Twp. As the other children, she helped with the work at home while still young. Then she helped some of her brothers and sisters with housework. She spent some time at our home, and was a good worker. Then she and her sister, Emma, went with their parents when they moved to Flanagan shortly before grandfather passed away.

After grandmother had built her house in 1913, for a few years yet she stayed with her mother until her marriage to Henry G. Becker who then lived near Woodburn, Ind, where he had purchased a farm. He was born in Germany, Jan. 12, 1880. When he was still a young man he came to America to make this his future home. He made his life's vocation as a farmer and continued in that, but now for several years has retired. He and his wife have still been living on the farm on which they moved shortly after their marriage after combining the tracts of land which each had. They are living on the farm about 2½ miles S.W. of Woodburn since 1918. Address: Woodburn, Ind.

IV. - 38 Luella Mae Becker was born Dec. 14, 1918 near Woodburn and died Dec. 14, 1918.

IV. - 39 Wilmer Roy Becker was born Jan 26, 1920 near Woodburn. Attended the rural school near his home. Later graduated from Woodburn High School. He was a good musician and for a time played one or instruments. For awhile he assisted his father on the farm. Later he

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was married to Mary Evans and for awhile lived in Ft. Wayne. He has been in Richmond, Ind. some time now.

V. - 90 Cynthia Ann Becker was born Sept. 1, 1946.

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III. - 11 Emma Gerig was born Sept. 22, 1883 in Waldo Twp. When she was just a little girl of about three years, they moved to the Pike Twp. home where she remained except at times when she was away helping others, until they moved to the Flanagan home in 1910 on S. Jackson St. As a girl she attended Pike Center school through several grades until she was needed to help at home.

Already in her youth she took a delight in helping others when injured or had an ailment. Then in 1909 she took a course in nursing by correspondence, graduating from the Chatauqua School of Nursing. She used her education along that line to help many people.

After the death of grandfather, she and her sister, Lizzie moved to a house on N. Jefferson St. where they remained for a short time, as grandmother built a residence in 1913. This was her home until the time of grandmother's death in 1919. Then for a short time Mr. and Mrs. Christian Becker lived there.

In about 1910 she had planned to work at the Salem Children's Home, but it did not work out until 1913-4. After grandmother's death she helped some of her brothers and sisters at different times. In addition to her years of loving service at the Salem Children's Home, she was directed to do further missionary work. Encouragement was given by some of the church leaders to pursue that calling. In Sept. 1923 she commenced to work at the Chicago Hebrew Mission, remaining there for a time.

On Feb. 25, 1925 she began mission work on 1448 W. Madison St., Chicago. At this place Myron C. Brown, father of Earl Brown who later married Mabel Gerig, joined the work, continuing with her and Earl's family in various places. For awhile she resided on S. Honore St. Chicago but rented a hall at 1517 W. Madison St. for Sunday School and nightly services. She also did visitation among the poorer people.

Later in 1933 when conditions seemed impossible to continue in Chicago, she went with Earl Brown with his wife and Earl's father moved to Camargo, Ill. The group had tent meetings at Villa Grove for two weeks. In 1935 they moved to Oakland, not too far distant taking up the work in evangelism and healing under the Missionary Band of the World, having afternoon services in Camargo, afternoon and evening services in Oakland. They also held tent meetings in Indianapolis, Ind., Three Rivers, Mich., and possibly other places.

Soon thereafter the tent was sold and they returned to Chicago helping in other mission work. In Sept 1944 she moved to her newly purchased home on 2053 N. Albany Ave., continuing her kindness and deeds of mercy. From 1943 to 1953 she assisted Mrs. Radeus and her husband part of the time supervising the work. That too was in Chicago. She also worked for awhile with colored people and Greeks. While she resided on Albany Street, Mr. Brown passed away on Dec.30, 1953. Part of the time she had roomers with her at this place.

On account of not being physically able to continue very well with her work, she sold her home on Albany St. in the spring of 1954, leaving the city on Apr. 30, 1954, coming to Flanagan where she lived with her brother, Chris, for about two years. However, some of the time during the winter months for about two years she spent in Phoenix, Arizona. She did have a cabin for a while in Arizona, but later sold it buying a little home in Gridley where she now resides.

She had many varied experiences in her life in ministering in love for both soul and body to many. She can relate many interesting accounts. She herself in her lifetime so far endured much physical suffering being in different hospitals, the last time being in 1957 near Woodburn, as the result of a car accident. Since she lives in Gridley she has one of her former friends, Josie Hopewell staying with her most of the time. It is with some difficulty that she gets around as formerly, but on the whole is in good spirits looking forward to the brighter and future Eternal home.

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III. - 12 Benjamin F. Gerig was born June 25, 1885, the last one of the children to be born on the original Homestead in Waldo Twp. When probably a year old the family left the old original farm to live on the new place in Pike Twp. There as a youth he grew up helping on the farm, and also attended the Pike Center School. Later he saw service in World War I, having been for a time in France. For that he receives a government pension.

During his life he had various occupations, one being a farmer for awhile in the area near Graymont. His first marriage was to Gesina Joosten, born Jan. 13, 1888 and died Oct. 22, 1947.

Later he married Mathilda Fanny Litwiller, born Jan. 17, 1898 in Waldo Twp. near Chenoa, Ill., she being a sister to his brother, Chris' wife, but the latter is now deceased. They are living in Pontiac for quite a number of years. Mrs. Gerig had been employed for a number of years in a shoe factory in the city. In his younger years after his father's death, he was in the restaurant business in Flanagan for a while. Also for a short time he was in the dairy business with his brother, Chris, when the latter and his family lived on the farm N.E. of Flanagan. He also helped to take care of his father in his sickness before he died in 1911.

While on the farm and when corn was still husked by hand, he could easily get out 100 bushels a day and sometimes more, being done with his job in the early afternoon. This is a fact because the writer worked on several occasions and in the same field when he husked for my father. He and his wife reside at 912 N. Hazel St., Pontiac, Ill.

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III - 13 Lydia Gerig, the last child and daughter was born Sept. 4, 1887 and died Oct. 15, 1887 at the age of one month and 11 days. She was the only one born in Pike Township. She was buried in the Waldo Cemetery.

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